



Parks and Recreation Department

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- The Parks and Recreation Department consists of five divisions: Park Operations, Park Planning, Aquatics, Recreation, and Development.
- Mission:
 - *To preserve, maintain and improve the quality of life in The Woodlands through the provision of quality recreational opportunities and programs, through the protection of the natural environment, and through stewardship of existing open spaces, parks, facilities, pathways, roadsides and medians.*





Parks and Recreation

- Overview of departmental operational responsibility (*partial list*):

115 Parks	Open Space Reserves	150 + Miles of Pathways	Over 60 Parks with Pavilions
13 Pools	Adult Sport Leagues	Streetlights	Forest Management
Riva Row Boat House	Sponsorship Development	Ten for Texas	Skate Park and 8 Wheel Friendly Areas
The Waterway	CB&I Triathlon	4 Dog Parks	MudFest
Town Green Park	63 Tennis Courts	Over 70 Parks with Play Areas	Waterway Square
The Woodlands Recreation Center	Swim Teams Facility Reservations	Spring Fever 5K 1000+ Signs	Streetscapes



Park Operations

- Park Operations consists of three units which include:
 - **Park Rangers:** Purpose is to provide maintenance & safety inspections, create a physical presence in the parks (6:30 am to 12 am) and serve as an information point to park users.
 - **Facilities:** Consists of two groups: Community Facilities and Town Center Facilities. Responsibilities range from painting, key system management, meeting set up, graffiti removal, plumbing, drinking fountain repairs, Christmas, sign and tree lights, site amenity repairs, and contract oversight for custodial, electrical, HVAC, and security systems.



Park Operations

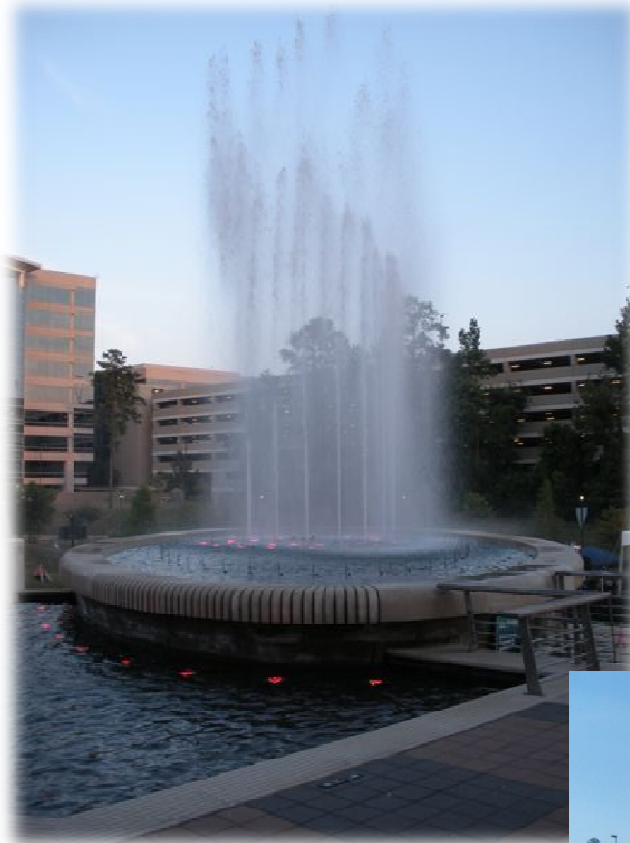
- ***Natural Resources:*** Consists of three groups: Forestry, Open Space Reserves and Landscaping. Scope of services:
 - Contract oversight: park and pathway maintenance, streetscape maintenance, tree removal, lake and pond management, and wildlife trapping.
 - Direct service in the areas of: irrigation auditing, tree tagging, tree removal, reserve maintenance, clearing drainage blockages, lake management, flower bed maintenance, Integrated Forest Management Plan implementation, fleet management, and banner installation.



Park Operations Pictures



More Park Operations Pictures

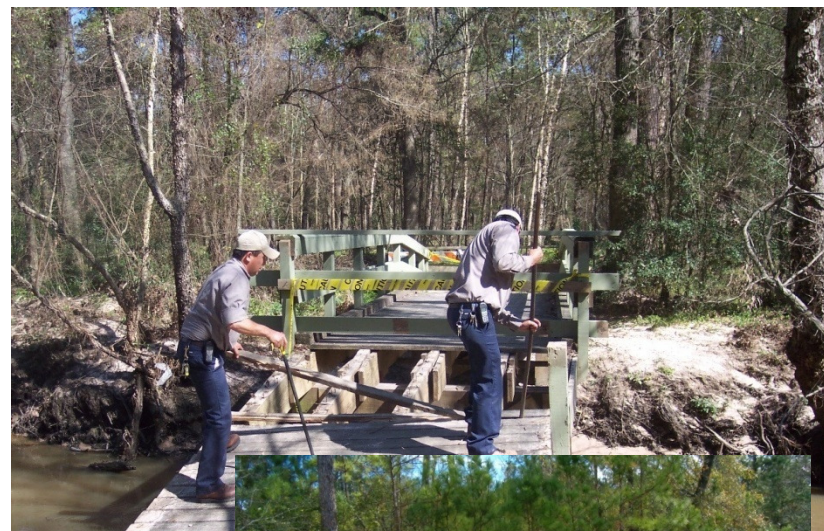


Park Planning

- Division consists of project management and construction:
 - Project Management includes: needs assessment, specification development, public process, bidding, and construction administration.
 - Construction includes handling in-house projects like: pathway/bridge repair, replacement of bridge decks, installation of playground features, sign installation and maintenance, pavilion repairs, and removal and installation of site amenities such as picnic tables.



Park Planning Pictures



Recreation

- Programs provided are focused in six areas:
 - Preschool Age Recreational Instruction Classes
 - Arts and humanities classes for all ages
 - Environmental and Outdoor Learning Activities
 - Adult Athletic Leagues & Elite Events
 - Unique Sport / Facility Programming
 - Waterway programs
- Operate and manage The Woodlands Recreation Center.
- Uphold the tenants of the 2007 The Woodlands Recreation Center Business and Operational Plan.



Recreation Pictures



Aquatics

- Pool Operations:
 - Oversee safety and maintenance for 13 swimming facilities and Waterway fountains with a staff of 330 seasonal lifeguards and 6 fulltime pool technicians.
- Aquatic Programs:
 - Offer 20 different programs which include: swim lessons (group and private), S.C.U.B.A., Dive-In Movies, learn to row and swim teams utilizing all 13 pools and CISD Natatorium for programming.
- Riva Row Boat House:
 - Year round kayaking and programs for residents and visitors to enjoy the Waterway and Lake Woodlands.



Aquatics Pictures



Development

Facility Reservations: Manage the reservation process to ensure compliance with park rules and regulations.

Races: Produces a high quality triathlon and races.

Special Events: Coordinates 3rd party use of the park system which range from village associations to national level sporting tournaments.

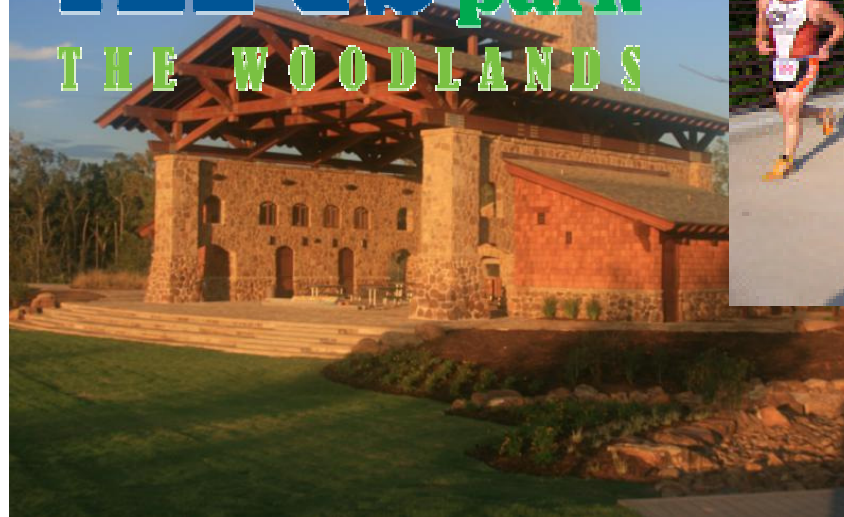
Customer Service: Provides first point of contact to the community on behalf of the Department.

Sponsorships: Develops, retains and evaluates sponsorship opportunities for the Department.

Contract Management- Provides oversight for organizational MOU's and concession contracts.



Development Pictures



SPRING FEVER 5K



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